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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as published (US 2004/0094181 A1) as follows:

Please amend Paragraph [0001] to read as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 09/935,921, filed 23 August 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,609,527. That application claims priority from copending U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,220, filed 22 Jan. 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend Paragraph [0009] to read as follows:

[0009] The TEFLON-type tapes available commercially in the marketplace today, include: Gore's GLIDE® dental tape, Glide®, Oral-B's SATIN FLOSS® dental tape Satin Floss®, Johnson & Johnson's EASY FLOSS® dental tape Easy Slide®, and Colgate's TOTAL® dental tape Totals®. All of these tapes can be worked between tight spaces with a minimum of fraying and breaking. Yet, unlike their multifilament counterparts such as Johnson & Johnson's woven floss, REACH® Gentle Gum Care, during flossing, these tapes do not release substantial quantities of cleaners, abrasives, tartar control ingredients, whiteners and active ingredients such as fluoride, antimicrobials, antibiotics, etc. The net of this shortcoming in failing to deliver substantial quantities of ingredients to those sites being flossed is that the tapes are generally perceived as most convenient in fitting between teeth, but unfortunately, they are generally perceived as: "not cleaning", "not working", "not doing much", etc., once they are positioned between teeth.

Please amend Paragraph [0042] to read as follows:

[0042] For the purposes of the present invention, dental tape is defined as monofilament tapes including elastomeric tapes such as Perident's FIBACLEAN® dental tape Fibaclean™, PTFE

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tapes, such as Gore's GLIDE® dental tape Glide®, J&J's EASY SLIDE® dental tape Easy Slide® and Colgate's TOTAL® dental tape Total® and bicomponent tapes such as Oral-B's SATIN TAPE® dental tape Satin-Tape®.

Please amend Paragraph [0045] to read as follows:

[0045] Suitable additional ingredients in the crystal-free coating of the present invention include anti-plaque ingredients - such as MICRODENT® and ULTRAMULSION™ ® as described in various U.S. Patents to Hill, et al., including U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,911,927; 4,950,479; 5,032,387; 5,098,711; 5,165,913; 5,538,667; 5,561,959; 5,66,374 and 5,733,529. The foregoing are incorporated herein by reference.

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